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[43] [1]Although the market opportunities have been limited in the Upper Barama River area, they are not much improved at either the Cuyuni River or Matthew's Ridge where segments of the population have gone. Matthew's Ridge, a mining settlement with single men from the coast, is viewed as a particularly predatory environment by the Carib men, [593] especially those with more than one wife. Men are wary to take their wives along and equally wary to leave them unattended anywhere else. [36] As external resources have gathered this dispersed population a substantial number has elected to remain in the Upper Barama River area and organize around the sources of opportunity there.

[435] [2]A rifle costs about $150 and a license must be obtained.
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[3]Guyana became an independent nation in 1966.

[4]Amerindian Captains' salaries are based on population size. The Upper Barama River Carib Captain receives the highest salary which is for a population of over 500.

[465] [5]In addition, food was distributed to settle a request of a year's standing that payment be made to fifteen men who had helped clear the sites for the government buildings at the Air Strip. Other government subventions reached this Carib population. At [747] Christmas and other times, care packages from the Canadian Red Cross were sent into Baramita Air Strip by the Amerindian Welfare Officer and contained clothes, school items, toys, and powdered milk.

[436] [6]This figure included 6¢ a pound for bananas and plantains and 3 1/2¢ a pound for apple bananas.